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Louisiana Crop Acreage

Louisiana farmers altered some of their March 1 planting intentions in response to weather conditions. Wet weather in early March, followed by little or no rain throughout the state in April and May changed things. Cotton, rice and soybean planted acreages exceeded the levels intended by Louisiana farmers in March, while corn, sorghum and sweet potato acres came down.

Rice planted acreage, heavily affected by Hurricane Rita in 2005 and hit again by Hurricanes Gustav and Ike in 2008, is at its highest since 1999, at 560,000 acres. This is up 90,000 acres from 2009 and up 50,000 acres from March intentions. Long grain varieties are expected to account for 520,000 acres and medium grain for the remaining 40,000 acres.

Soybean planted acreage is expected to total 1,060,000 acres, up 40,000 acres from a year ago and up 50,000 acres from March intentions.

Cotton planted acreage is expected to total 230,000 acres, the same as last year but 30,000 acres above March intentions.

Corn planted acreage is estimated at 490,000 acres, down 140,000 acres from a year ago and down 40,000 acres from March intentions.

Grain sorghum planted acreage is estimated at 90,000 acres, up 20,000 acres from 2009 but down 10,000 from March intentions.

Sugarcane acreage for harvest is estimated at 415,000 acres, down 10,000 acres from last year.

Sweet potato planted acreage in the state, at 15,000 acres, is up 1,000 acres from a year ago but down 1,000 acres from the March intentions estimates.

An estimated 150,000 acres were planted to **winter wheat** for the 2010 crop, down 35,000 acres from the 2009 crop year; an estimated 140,000 acres were harvested for grain.

All **hay** acreage intended for harvest is estimated at 410,000 acres, up 30,000 acres from 2009 but down 30,000 acres from March intentions.

United States Crop Acreage

Area planted to **rice** in 2010 is estimated at 3.5 million acres, up 12 percent from 2009. Area for harvest is forecasted at 3.5 million acres, up 13 percent from last year. Planted acreage in 2010 increased in all rice-producing States except California and record highs were estimated in Arkansas and Missouri.

The 2010 **soybean** planted area is estimated at 78.9 million acres, up two percent from 2009. Planted area increased from last year in 18 out of 31 states, and is the largest United States planted acreage on record. Area for harvest is forecast at 78.0 million acres, also up two percent from 2009, and will also be the largest on record, if realized.

The 2010 **all cotton** planted area is estimated at 10.9 million acres, up 19 percent from last year. Upland cotton planted area totals 10.7 million acres, up 19 percent from 2009 and the first increase in acreage since 2006.

In the Delta States (Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, and Tennessee), producers planted 1.9 million acres, up 16 percent from last year. Mississippi growers planted 420,000 acres, up 38 percent from last year. Tennessee producers planted 400,000 acres, up 33 percent from last year.

The 2010 **corn** planted area for all purposes is estimated at 87.9 million acres, up two percent from last year. Growers expect to harvest 81.0 million acres for grain, also up two percent from last year. Farmers responding to the survey indicated that 99 percent of the intended corn acreage had been planted at the time of the interview compared with the ten-year average of 98 percent.

Area planted to **sorghum** in 2010 is estimated at 6.0 million acres, down ten percent from 2009. Area to be harvested for grain is forecast at 5.2 million acres, down six percent from last year.

Harvested area of **sugarcane** for sugar and seed is forecast at 863,900 acres for the 2010 crop year, down one percent from a year ago and the lowest since 1990. Area intended for harvest decreased in Hawaii and Louisiana by 5,000 and 10,000 acres, respectively. Harvested area remained unchanged in Texas, but increased by 5,000 acres in Florida.

Planted area of **sweet potatoes** is estimated at 113,800 acres for the 2010 season, up four percent from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 110,200 acres, up 14 percent from last year.

All **wheat** planted area is estimated at 54.3 million acres, down eight percent from 2009. This is the lowest United States total since 1971. The 2010 winter wheat planted area, at 37.7 million acres, is 13 percent below last year. Of this total, about 28.5 million acres are Hard Red Winter, 5.8 million acres are Soft Red Winter, and 3.4 million acres are White Winter.

Planted Acreage, June 1, 2010

Crop	Louisiana			United States		
	2009	2010	%Change	2009	2010	% Change
	-----Thousand Acres-----			-----Thousand Acres-----		
Corn	630	490	-22	86,482	87,872	+2
Upland Cotton	230	230	---	9,008	10,700	+19
Rice, All	470	560	+19	3,135	3,512	+12
Sorghum	70	90	+28	6,633	6,000	-10
Soybeans	1,020	1,060	+4	77,451	78,868	+2
Sweet Potatoes	14	15	+7	110	114	+4
Winter Wheat	185	150	-19	43,311	37,723	-13
Hay ¹	380	410	+8	59,755	59,656	---
Sugarcane ^{1,2}	425	415	-2	874	864	-1

¹ Harvested Acres

² For sugar and seed

Producers intend to harvest 59.7 million acres of all **hay** in 2010, down slightly from 2009. Expected harvested area of alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures, at 20.7 million acres, is down two percent from

2009. Expected area for harvest for all other types of hay totals 38.9 million acres, up one percent from 2009.

Louisiana and U.S. Grain Stocks, June 1, 2009-2010

Item	Louisiana ¹		United States	
	June 1		June 1	
	2009	2010	2009	2010
	----- Thousand Bushels -----		----- Thousand Bushels -----	
Corn				
On Farm			2,205,400	2,131,400
Off Farm ²	<u>16,628</u>	<u>15,218</u>	<u>2,056,027</u>	<u>2,178,644</u>
TOTAL			4,261,427	4,310,044
Sorghum				
On Farm			12,000	10,700
Off Farm ²	<u>2,919</u>	<u>1,377</u>	<u>90,215</u>	<u>77,154</u>
TOTAL			102,215	87,854
Soybeans				
On Farm			226,300	232,600
Off Farm ²	<u>3,720</u>	<u>5,308</u>	<u>369,859</u>	<u>338,417</u>
TOTAL			596,159	571,017
All Wheat				
On Farm			140,745	209,900
Off Farm ²	<u>3,355</u>	<u>5,710</u>	<u>515,760</u>	<u>763,492</u>
TOTAL			656,505	973,392

¹ Louisiana on-farm stocks and total stocks not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

² Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals, and processors.

Louisiana Grain Stocks

Total off-farm **sorghum** stocks were estimated at 1.4 million bushels, compared to 2.9 million bushels in 2009.

Off-farm holdings of **corn** totaled 15.2 million bushels, down eight percent from 2009.

All wheat off-farm stocks totaled 5.7 million bushels, up 70 percent from 2009.

Total off-farm **soybean** stocks were estimated at 5.3 million bushels, compared to 3.7 million bushels in 2009.

United States Grain Stocks

Grain sorghum stored in all positions on June 1, 2010 totaled 87.9 million bushels, down 14 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks, at 10.7 million bushels, are down 11 percent from last year. Off-farm stocks, at 77.2 million bushels, are down 14 percent from June 1, 2009. The March - May 2010 indicated disappearance from all positions is 87.7 million bushels, down 15 percent from the same period last year.

Corn stocks in all positions on June 1, 2010 totaled 4.3 billion bushels, up one percent from June 1, 2009. Of the total stocks, 2.1 billion bushels are stored on farms, down three percent from a year earlier. Off-farm stocks, at 2.2 billion bushels, are up six percent from a year ago. The March - May 2010 indicated disappearance is 3.4 billion bushels, compared with 2.7 billion bushels during the same period last year.

All wheat stored in all positions on June 1, 2010 totaled 973 million bushels, up 48 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks are estimated at 210 million bushels, up 49 percent from last year. Off-farm stocks, at 763 million bushels, are up 48 percent from a year ago. The March - May 2010 indicated disappearance is 383 million bushels, down slightly from the same period a year earlier.

Soybeans stored in all positions on June 1, 2010 totaled 571 million bushels, down four percent from June 1, 2009. On-farm stocks totaled 233 million bushels, up three percent from a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 338 million bushels, are down nine percent from a year ago. Indicated disappearance for the March - May 2010 quarter totaled 699 million bushels, down one percent from the same period a year earlier.

Louisiana Livestock Slaughter

Commercial red meat production in Louisiana during May totaled 500,000 pounds, unchanged from the previous month and the previous year.

There were 500 head of **cattle** slaughtered during May, unchanged from April but down 100 head from the previous year. Average live weight was 774 pounds, down 57 pounds from the previous month and two pounds below May 2009. Total live weight, at 351,000 pounds, was down 11 percent from the previous month and 20 percent below the previous year.

Calves slaughtered during May totaled 400 head, unchanged from the previous month but up 100 head from the previous year. Live weight averaged 533 pounds, down one pound from April but six pounds above a year ago. Total live weight, at 229,000 pounds, was down four percent from April but 26 percent above the previous year.

The number of **hogs** slaughtered during May totaled 800 head, down 100 head from the previous month and the previous year. Average live weight was 179 pounds, down 22 pounds from April 2010 and the previous year. Total live weight was 141,000 pounds, down 24 percent from April and 21 percent below the previous year.

The number of **sheep** slaughtered during May was 300 head, unchanged from the previous month and the same as the previous year. Live weight averaged 60 pounds, down 16 pounds from the previous month but one pound above the previous year.

United States Livestock Slaughter

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.7 billion pounds in May, down five percent from the 3.9 billion pounds produced in May 2009.

May 2010 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and five Saturdays. **May 2009** contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and five Saturdays.

Beef production, at 2.1 billion pounds, was four percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.8 million head, down two percent from May 2009. The average live weight was down 15 pounds from the previous year, at 1,249 pounds.

Veal production totaled 10.1 million pounds, two percent below May a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 60,400 head, down eight percent from May 2009. The average live weight was up 18 pounds from last year, at 286 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.6 billion pounds, down six percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.0 million head, down six percent from May 2009. The average live weight was up one pound from the previous year, at 272 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 12.6 million pounds, was down three percent from May 2009. Sheep slaughter totaled 182,700 head, one percent below last year. The average live weight was 139 pounds, down two pounds from May a year ago.

January to May 2009 commercial red meat production was 19.7 billion pounds, down two percent from 2009. Accumulated beef production was down one percent from last year; veal was down two percent; pork was down four percent from last year; and lamb and mutton production was down three percent.

Commercial Livestock Slaughter and Meat Production

Item	Louisiana					United States			
	April	May		January – May		May		January – May	
	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
	----- Number, thousand head -----					----- Number, thousand head -----			
Cattle	0.5	0.6	0.5	3.2	2.3	2,849.3	2,785.5	13,597.6	13,800.0
Calves	0.4	0.3	0.4	1.5	2.1	65.4	60.4	372.0	365.6
Hogs	0.9	0.9	0.8	5.7	5.1	8,453.3	7,969.9	46,393.0	44,655.3
Sheep & Lambs	0.3	0.3	0.3	1.7	1.5	184.7	182.7	1,003.7	1,000.7
	----- Total live weight, thousand pounds -----					----- Total live weight, thousand pounds -----			
Cattle	394	437	351	2,367	1,767	3,589,378	3,468,749	17,502,481	17,457,566
Calves	239	182	229	810	1,196	17,383	17,036	96,244	93,591
Hogs	185	178	141	1,158	994	2,292,077	2,167,420	12,598,988	12,120,828
Sheep & Lambs	21	18	18	114	107	25,938	25,369	140,538	137,094
	----- Average live weight, pounds -----					----- Average live weight, pounds -----			
Cattle	831	776	774	740	768	1,264	1,249	1,292	1,270
Calves	534	527	533	540	570	268	286	262	259
Hogs	201	201	179	203	195	271	272	272	272
Sheep & Lambs	76	59	60	67	71	141	139	140	137
	----- Million pounds -----					----- Million pounds -----			
Red Meat	0.5	0.5	0.5	2.8	2.5	3,919.5	3,731.7	20,143.5	19,680.1

Prices Received Index Down

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in June, at 139 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, decreased two points from May. The Crop Index was down five points and the Livestock Index decreased one point. Producers received lower prices for cattle, onions, hogs and wheat and higher prices for lettuce, milk, turkeys and cucumbers. In addition to prices, the overall index was also affected by the seasonal change based on a three-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased monthly marketings of wheat, grapes, hay and cantaloups offset decreased marketings of oranges, strawberries, cattle and sweet corn.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index was up six points from June 2009. The Food Commodities Index, at 139, decreased three points from last month but increased nine points from June 2009.

Prices Paid Index Down

The June Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates was 182 percent of the 1990-1992 average. The index was down one point from May but was two points above June 2009. Lower prices in June for diesel, feeder cattle, supplements and feeder pigs more than offset higher prices for complete feeds, other services, mixed fertilizer and other machinery.

Average Prices Received By Farmers

Item	Louisiana			United States		
	Entire Month		Preliminary	Entire Month		Preliminary
	June 2009	May 2010	June 2010 ¹	June 2009	May 2010	June 2010 ¹
	Dollars			Dollars		
Soybeans, per bushel	11.30	9.06	2/	11.40	9.41	9.39
Sorghum, per cwt	n/a	2/	2/	6.29	5.69	5.50
Rice, per cwt	12.50	13.30	12.60	14.70	13.50	13.40
Upland Cotton, per pound	.458	.661	.662 ³	.450	.660	.662 ³
Hay, all, baled, per ton	n/a	n/a	n/a	123.00	116.00	114.00
Beef Cattle, per cwt ⁴	55.30	68.20	67.00	80.10	94.80	91.10
Steers & Heifers, per cwt	84.40	98.60	96.00	84.90	99.70	95.70
Cows, per cwt ⁵	42.20	54.50	54.00	45.40	59.20	58.20
Calves, per cwt	93.30	110.00	106.00	109.00	122.00	121.00
Broilers, live, per pound	n/a	n/a	n/a	.510	.510	.510
Eggs, All, per dozen	n/a	n/a	n/a	.594	.633	.619
Milk, All, per cwt ⁶	n/a	n/a	n/a	11.30	15.10	15.80

¹ Mid-month.

² Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.

³ Preliminary prices are based on sales during the first half of the month.

⁴ "Cows" and "steers and heifers" combined.

⁵ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.

⁶ Before deductions for hauling and government withholdings. Includes bulk tank, quantity and other premiums.

Excludes hauling subsidies.

n/a = not available.

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